MR. J. W. CHACKO: The report says that it is possible to make arrangements for the water supply but the cost is very great.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: What were the suggestions made in the report in regard to the supply of water?

MR. J. W. CHACKO: There were two suggestions. One was to bring water through pipes from the higher levels down to the lower levels. The other was to sink tube wells in the low level regions.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know which is the less costly of those two schemes?

MR. J. W. CHACKO: The less costly is to bring down water from the higher levels.

MR P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: What would be the approximate cost if water is supplied in all the localities?

MR. J. W. CHACKO: If water is supplied to all the localities in the low level regions of the island, it would cost about Rs. 10,000.

MR P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: What would be the approximate cost if water is supplied to the Munro Island and west coast of Quilon?

MR. J. W. CHACKO: It is not possible to answer now.

Effects of the inauguration of the Transport Service.

405. *MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of private buses which have been thrown out of service on account of the inauguration of the Transport Service from Quilon to Punalur and other eastern localities of the State:

(*b*) whether any help has been rendered to owners of such buses for mitigating the hardship arising consequently; and

(*c*) if so, the nature of the help rendered?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: (*a*) 17 buses have been thrown out of service on account of the inauguration of the State Transport Service on the Quilon-Shencotta route.

(*b*) and (*c*). Applications received from the owners for routes and timings for their buses are under consideration.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know whether the applicants were not given previous intimation that the line would be taken up by the State Transport?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: Yes, sir.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know whether applicants from this line will be taken into consideration when applications for other lines are sanctioned?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: We are now considering all the applications together.

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MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know whether Government consider that there is any necessity to give them compensation?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: What is under consideration is this: We find that there are now 26 displaced buses. These are 23 seater buses. There are certain routes through which these buses alone can go. The Chief Engineer has classified those routes. We are trying to introduce these buses in those routes.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: I would like to know why the buses have accommodation only for 23 seats.

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: Because they are 23 seater buses.

Satrom near Quilon Railway Station.

406. * MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the purpose for which the Satrom near Quilon Railway Station is used at present; and

(*b*) whether great hardship is experienced by the travelling public on account of the want of accommodation in the Quilon Satrom?

MR. J. W. CHACKO: (*a*) For the accommodation of the Reserve Police stationed at Quilon.

(*b*) Yes, to some extent.

MR. P KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether any steps have been taken for the accommodation of the travelling public?

MR. J. W. CHACKO: Steps are being considered.

Paravas and Bharathas.

407. * MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Paravas of North Travancore and the Bharathas of South Travancore belong to the same community?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: For purposes of Census, they have been treated as separate communities.

Velas and Bharatha-Velapanickars.

408. * MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Velas who are hereditary washermen are taken along with the community of Bharatha Velapanickars?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: No.

Street lights at night in Trivandrum.

409. * SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the hour at which street lights are switched off in the night at present;

(*b*) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the fact that petty thefts in the town are likely to be fewer in number if the lights are kept on till, say, 1 or 2 A. M.; and

(*c*) what the additional cost will be for so doing?

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